

Six Laning of Road from Hyderabad to Nagpur

2991. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) by when Government are going to convert the four lane road from Hyderabad to Nagpur into six lane road;
- (b) whether it is a fact the ambitious Golden "Triangle Project" is cost over running; and
- (c) if so, the measures Government have taken to minimise the cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) There is no proposal to convert the existing National Highway between Hyderabad and Nagpur to 6-lanes. There is a proposal for four-laning of the highway by the year 2007.

(b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Golden Quadrilateral comprising the Highways connecting the four metropolitan cities *viz.* Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi which is a part of the National Highways Development Project. So far there has been no cost overrun on this project.

- (c) Does not arise.

Construction and Maintenance of Footpath Along NH

† 2992. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction and maintenance of footpath on both sides of the National Highways is undertaken together and by the same agency;
- (b) if so, the amount spent on maintenance of the footpath on

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.